

SATURDAY.

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP.

Ketchel No Match for Jack Johnson Now, Ringside Experts Say.

Philadelphia, July 11.-Just as it takes more than one swallow to make a summer, so it takes more than one winning contest to make a pugilistic champion, and the mer who on Stanley Ketchel's defeat of Jack O'Brien saw him wearing the heavyweight championship belt with Jack Johnson's scalp hanging to it, now have another think coming to them. A lot of the edge has been taken from Ketchel's reputation by his 5th of July fight with Billy Pap-That contest was twenty rounds. and at the end Ketchel gets a victory which his opponent and a lot of others who were present say he was not entitled to. These folks claim that the worst that Papke should have gotten was a draw, and some of them even say that Papke was entitled to the victory. Papke claims that he lost the verdict through the fact that the Referee Roche was in close touch with the fight promoters of the far West, who expected to get a great lot of money out of a fight between Ketchel and Jack Johnson which had already been arranged and too idiotic to offer even to the soft marks they have on the Pacific Coast, who seem to fall for any sort of bunk in the line of boxing, but the promoters would hesitate at trying to sell them tickets for a fight be-tween the so-called Illinois Thunderbolt and the big negro heavyweight. Therefore, according to the friends, of Papke, the decision had to be for Ketchel in order to make good the proposed fight between the ex-cowboy and the present champion. This theory may or may not be the correct one. A better line of dope would be that the decision went with the wise money, which was on Ketchel, and which had to be protected, for they look after the wise people out in the far West. No matter what the reason was, however, Ketchel got the decision by a very narrow margin, and he and his backers and followers are entitled to all that goes

KETCHEL'S PUNCH GONE.

But the general verdict since the between Stanley and Papke is that Ketchel will not do for Johnson in the present form of the big black fellow. He has not the punch the Bingham stamp have been laid Did Not Authorize Statement That fighter so big and so strong as Johnson, and a man who is a much better boxer than Ketchel is, for the latter knows practically nothing about the manly art. The man who whips Johnson will have to be a good boxer and also a hard hitter, and there seems to be no one of that stamp now in the ring. In his fight with Jack O'Brien in this city Ketchel showed that he was a slugger merely, that he had no defense and depended entirely on his brute plain to be seen that Ketchel could be hit with a straight punch or with a swinging blow from either hand. He was willing to take a punch from delphian, who was afraid to take a chance from the time the men faced each other in the first round. Standing before a man of the hitting powers of O'Brien that sort of thing might be all right, but with a giant like Johnson coming after him, Ketchel could not afford to take the risk of exchanging blow for blow. than the ex-cowboy, and that in the end would mean the defeat of the latter. But it was proven in the fight with Papke that Ketchel could not hit as hard as he has been credited with. He hit Papke often enough to have put him away many times. but he could not finish him in twenty rounds-could not even knock him down or daze him. Papke is, if possible, even a worse fighter than hit a man on the foot as he is on the jaw. He showed here in his fight

The announcement has been made that Joe Thomas, the California middleweight, has decided to retire from the ring and take up some other means of making a living. The reports have it that Joe is engaged to be married to the sister of Jimmy Gardner, the Lowell, Mass., welter-It is certainly the best thing that Thomas could do, for he can surely make as good and perhaps a much better living in other ways than he has made in the ring. He is a goodlooking young fellow who lives a clean, decent life and who always dresses neatly and looks the part of a gentleman. Thomas is an intelligent fellow, but rather modest and backward in his manner. With a little push, however, he should be

able to make a success in almost any yesterday accepted an offer of line of endeavor. It has been his guarantee of \$10,000 to fight Al White Property misfortune and not his fault that he Kaufman, the Pacific coast heavyhas not made a lot of money in the ring. But he has been about the weight. The Dattle, according to the telegram received by Johnson, worst mamaged boxer who has been in the business in many years. While leaves the business in many years. While leaves the business in many years. waiting for big matches which never. The offer comes from the match-developed he has lost months and maker of the Mission Club in San years of time where he could have Francisco. The affair will be twenty with good management been kept go-rounds, this being in accordance be built eight inches from Clay St. ing almost constantly on smaller con-with Johnson's wishes when the This has raised a hue and cry from whose ents, watch would have kept his ex- match was first broacked. enses down even if they did not nake a lot of big money for him When he would get a fight which yielded any decent amount JEFFRIES WILL FIGHT NO of money it was all eaten MORE, FRIENDS AS long fflps with his man

azdows. Thus what he would make San Francisco would be eaten up hotel expenses and railroad fare the East, and when he got a good arse in the East he would be in ediately started West and the re ult was that by the time he reache he coast his pocket would once ore be empty. That sort of thing ept Thomas always broke or nearl and left him with practically othing to show for the time he ha een following boxing. Almost any ort of a steady job in commercial

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ENEMY OF BOXING DEPOSED.

with few regrets.

The fact that Police Commission lingham has been bounced bag and aggage from the position of czar o he New York police force will b velcome news to all the followers of poxing in that city and by lovers of he game throughout the country he sight or sound of the swish o pair of boxing gloves seemed t istress the very soul of Bingham who had the regutation of being oldier, although his greatest feats f war are reported to have been th reeping of children off the gras lots down in Washington. Murders lighway robberies, burglaries ocket-picking galore, green good swindling, etc., never seemed corry the ex-Police Commissioner of Sotham, but the very idea that crowd of men were enjoying the sight of a boxing bout between two well-trained athletes was gall and wormwood to him and the one thin a date set for. Of course, no one not stand. It cost him many a sleep would think seriously of putting Papthat Bingham could not and would extreme to break up the sport, only o find that it still flourishes after he has been broken and turned loose powerless to stop even a game numble-peg. The mere fact that the courts had decided that boxing as carried on in the clubs of New York was periectly legal had no significance to Bingham. What were the fecisions of the judges of the court where he was concerned? He did no like boxing. He did not want any of it in the American metropolis and ne was determined that he would not have it. He broke more law than the boxing promoters in trying o put the latter out of business, bu hey are still there, and next fall they nean to keep his political grave reen by the opening of more an larger boxing clubs than New York has ever had in its history. The trouble with men of the Binghan stamp is that they are not wise to he wishes of the American people scause they are not of the people the people want. Boxing has grown more popular every year, and ndficted has been de ral in courts in every State almost n the Union, and it will flouris)

GOOD BOXERS SCARCE.

With the prosperlty boom, which is due in the early fall, the boxing game is going to take on new life. just as well as everything else in the country. New clubs will be He said: opened in many places throughout the land, and there will be a greater demand for first-class boxers than ever has been in America. Just strength and hitting powers. It was to supply this demand is a puzzling question. nough to make the club owners and feit to meet Johnson. oxing promoters sit up and take notice. You can count the names of cheer, the good boxers in any class on the fingers of one hand. In the heavyweight class there is no one to cope never come back, and that leaves the field to the big negro. In the meet Johnson when he gets back to middleweight division there are only Johnson's blows would be harder and he would land much oftener and he would land much oftener others. In the welterweight divi-sion, Jimmy Gardner has it on any in better shape during his exhibi-electricity. of the others, and he so far outclass-es them all that the rest are not day as hard as we could go. He has around. In the lightweight division him, and his muscles are like iron. Battling Nelson is the master, for His general health never was as Packey McFarland has been exposed sound as at present. Jeffries ceras being a welterweight, and he is tainly will beat Johnson on any fair only a second-rater at that. Dick terms, and will, I am confident, re-Hyland and Cyclone Johnny Thomp- deem the reputation of white fight-Ketchel. He is a slugger, but a wild stead of a cyclone, are the only two son, who is only a gentle breeze in- ers. and reckless one; has not judg- men left after Nelson is set aside and they are not really good boxer and have no class. It might occur with Pat O'Keefe that he could not Fred Welsh could be classed among to some of the ring followers that he depended on at any time to land a finishing blow. What a difference there would be between having a man like him in front of Ketchel and went West will remember that he is world heater, not by a long a man of the cleverness of the big not a world-beater, not by a long shot. Below the lightweight division Abe Attell is the boss, for there is not a man in the world who can make his weight and beat him when he wants to do his best and is not looking to saving a man up for a second or third contest. Thus it will of welsh rarebit. readily be seen that if the number weight, and that his bride-to-be has try is to increase very largely the owners and promoters will have their own troubles in getting the talent to keep their patrons pleased.

> JACK JOHNSON SIGNS TO FIGHT AL KAUFMAN

Battle to Be Fought in California on August 27 for Twenty Rounds.

Chicago, July 13 .- Jack Johnson

MORE, FRIENDS ASSERT to

ager and trainers across the country One-Time Champion Unable to Get in Condition, and Ring Fans Are Pinning Their Faith to Kaufman Now.

New York, July 11 .- An effort nine the place of meeting. Johnson signed articles early in June, but inches in diameter. ince that time pressure has been ife would pay better in the long that it would interfere with his fight run, so that Joe can leave the ring with Ketchel.

The pugilistic atmosphere is un ergoing constant changes with re-pect to the plans for the undoing of ack Johnson. Until his recent fight with Billy Papke there was a strong among fight-followers that Stanley Ketchel might overcome the egro, box that hope is now glimnering. Ketchel made little imression on Papke, and it is figured Charley Harvey, who looks after Kaufman's interests, that if Ketche an't put away a middleweight hen he will have no show against he cleverer Johnson and his 210 ounds of bone and muscle. Harvey ays that Kaufman is the man to neet Johnson for the title.

hat, notwithstanding the announce nent of the former champion, preiminary to his theatrical engage ent, the one-time boilermaker will ever re-enter the ring. It is stated by those close to Jeffries that his ondition would not allow him to go nore than a few fast rounds.

JEFFRIES' REFUSAL NOT SURPRISE TO TALENT

Big Man Could Not Get Into Condition and Wouldn't Cover Forfeit.

New York, July 13 .- It is not by ny means surprising that Jeffries as just made the announcement Montreal that he will not fight Jack Johnson after all. He is quoted as saying he cannot get info condition that he would not meet a negro anyway, and that some one else car have the task of beating the present hampion

From the time that Jeffries began training" it has been repeatedly sserted that he aid not mean busiess. The fact that the boilermaker refused to cover Johnson's \$5,000 forfeit and sign articles on severa ccasions convinced sporting mer that there would be nothing doing. Jeffries's theatrical contract of safety deposit boxes. The building twenty weeks expires on July 17. He will be lighted throughout with hemselves and have no idea of what has cleaned up \$50,000, and has electricity. Two whited globes will fooled the public

REPORT DENIED BY JEFFRIES

He would Not Meet Jack Johnson.

Toronto, July 13 .- Before a big udience at Hanlon's Point, near here last night James Jeffries indignantly denied the statement that he had declined to meet Jack Johnson.

"I see by the papers that there is no likelihood of my meeting John-I take this opportunity of giving that rumor complete denial. gave no one any authority to make any such statement. Immediately The scarcity of real good on my return to New York at the boxers all over the country is end of two weeks I shall post a for-The crowd gave him a hearty

Sam Berger was even more emphatic. with Jack Johnson. Jeffries will refused to meet Johnson, is lie from New York, and he will show his folworth talking about when he is not an ounce of superfluous flesh on

> A Stern Chase. "Money talks," the proverb says, And I'm red as a Turk's fez Trying to get close enough To see what it says.

Originality. Gunner-I dine at that little restaurant down in Bohemia. Guyer-That so? Well, I hear the proprietor of that place has some original ideas. Gurner-1 should say so. He supplies a dream book with every order

Son of the Soil. "Say," queried the next-door neighbor, "what were you thrashing your Diggs." son for last night?" "Wild oats," answered the old man, with a twinkle in his off eye.

Wife Cured Him. Patience-Getting married stopped his stammering. Patrice-How so?

"His wife won't let him open his month, now!"-Yonkers Statesman.

Owners Object.

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not been established. The plans as filed call for a \$20,000 structure to abutting property owners, whose houses are in nearly every instance fifteen feet from the building line. When this building is completed it

will be the first structure of its kind be built by Negroes on Clay Street

The Mechanics' Savings Bank.

The new building of the Mechanwill be made this week to clinch the ic's Savings Bank will be of white natch between Jack Johnson, the brick, Georgia marble and granite heavyweight champion, and Al Kauf- The main entrance will be on Clay man, of California, set for either Street and there will be two large September or October, and to deter- Georgis marble pillars on either side at the door. They will be each 22 on either corner will also crought to bear upon the champion Georgia marble. There will be a thereby carry your per control of cancel the match on the ground side entrance on Clay Street. The more to the purpose." iron stairway will lead up to the third story.

THE SIDE ENTRANCE.

convenient to those who wish come to Clay Street. On the side street will be large plate glass windows, through which the entire banking room may be seen at a glance, wither during the night or day. En tering the main entrance, one will be in a vestibule. On the left will be the Cashier's office and in front of the door the Receiving Teller. On the right will be the ladies depart 'the president's office will be in the rear. The windows or wick-Friends of Jim Jeffries say today Clerk and Book-keepers' depart- Peconic Bay, in the Village of Flan-

THE VAULT.

The vault will be burglar and fireoof and it will be provided with a full line of the latest design safety deposit boxes, all finished in polish ed steel. The vault will have ound door, seven feet in diameter rom top to bottom and twelve inchs thick every thing included. It will be a massive affair and is sup sed to weigh anywhere from sever to ten tons. The ceiling will be of polished steel and the floor will b laid in the. Back of the vault will be a plate glass mirror and when the enclosure is lighted the effect will MRS. JOSIE A. GRAHAM be magnificent

OTHER OFFICES.

The book vault will be on the other side. The vault will be finished with enamelled brick. The height of the banking room will be twenty two feet and the top of the vaul will be used. The director's room will be over the President's Office. The ceiling will be or steel. There will be a railing on top of the vaul and the clerk's and stenographers will work there. There will be oths on the main floor for the private use of the patrons of the attract attention on the outside a

TWO STORES THERE.

On the side street will also be two stores of a width of fifteen feet By mail 35cts. each. Entrance to the engine and furnace room and also to the coal cellar will be from inside of the bank. On the side street will be the main entrance to the offices upstairs. The elevator will be in operation to take the customers either o the second, third or fourth floors There will be four office rooms or the north side of the building and six office rooms on the south-side of the building.

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The offices will be large and airy and they are so arranged as to per- ties and towns can make good moz mit of the lettering on the street side. They will be provided with lavoratories. The hall way will be on the West side of the third story mond, Va. "This story, concocted by and in the centre of the fourth omeone, stating that Jeffries had story. The iron stair-way can be used both for regular services and will also serve as a fire escape in an emergency. The building will occupy twenty-seven feet by ninetyseven feet eight inches and will be modern throughout and will be by steam and lighted by

A WORD ABOUT THE COST.

The Mechanics' Savings Bank has increased its capital stock and only a limited quantity is on sale It is selling above par of at \$15.00 per share and there has been quite a demand for it. It pays slightly over seven per cent. at this price. Until the increase was granted by the State Corporation Commission there was none on the market for

The new building will cost when completed (\$30,000) thirty thousand dollars and together with the purchase price of the lot will reach (\$35,000) as the amount actually invested.

In Chicago. Mrs. Dearborn-I tumbled up the stairs, to-day.

Mrs. Wabash-Well, that's the sign you'll not get divorced this year .-Yonkers Statesman.

Sarcastic. "If I were you I wouldn't be a fool,

"True," replied Diggs, complacently. "The unfortunate part of it is that yo are yourself."-The Circle.

Fuddy-You know I am down off the water wagon now. Duddy-Oh, why did you do that? Fuddy-Tut, man! I gave up my sent to a lady.

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